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In re Application of

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed February 8, 2011.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **granted**.

This application was held abandoned on November 21, 2010, after it was believed that no response was received to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. The notice allowed a statutory period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. Extensions of the time set for reply were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 3, 2010, indicating that a reply to the notice was not received.

A review of the application file record did reveal that a response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was filed on September 7, 2010, in the form of payment of the issue fee and a completed Form PTOL-85b. Based on the aforementioned, it appears that the application was improperly held abandoned as a response was received prior to expiration of the statutory period for reply. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn, accordingly.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for further processing.

Further inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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